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SUBJECT: THEODORE RATNOFF BROADCAST

FOR HERFURT FROM BARBARA M. WATSON

REFERENCE: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF JULY 23

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU REGARDING THEODORE
RATNOFF'S ALLEGATION.

"1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR CABLE OF JULY 14, 1973,
REGARDING THEODORE RATNOFF'S BROADCASTS ABOUT ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE AND HIS ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE WHITE HOUSE
COUNSEL LEONARD GARMENT.

"2. MR. GARMENT ADVISES THAT THE STORY TOLD BY MR.
RATNOFF IS ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT. NO SUCH
TRANSACTION HAS EVER TAKEN PLACE, AND TO THE BEST
OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, MR. GARMENT HAS NEVER MET OR HEARD OF
MR. RATNOFF.

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"3. IF ANY PRESS INQUIRIES ARE MADE ABOUT THE RATNOFF
STORY, IT SHOULD BE FLATLY DENIED. FURTHER, YOUR ADVICE
IS REQUESTED AS TO ANY FURTHER STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN
TO RESPOND TO THIS STORY." ROGERS

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